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Senator Patrick J. Leahy  
Senator James M. Jeffords  
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TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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CRC NO: 04-0385

Chairman Diaz

DESC:

Fire in the Area of the Main Transformer at  
Vermont Yankee

ROUTING:

Reyes  
Norry  
Virgilio  
Kane  
Collins  
Dean  
Burns/Cyr  
Miller, RI  
Zimmerman, NSIR  
Rathbun, OCA

DATE: 06/21/04

ASSIGNED TO:

CONTACT:

NRR

Dyer

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

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AUTHOR:	SEN James Jeffords		
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ADDRESSEE:	Nils Diaz		
SUBJECT:	Fire in the area of the main transformer at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant		
ACTION:	Signature of Chairman		
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**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

June 18, 2004

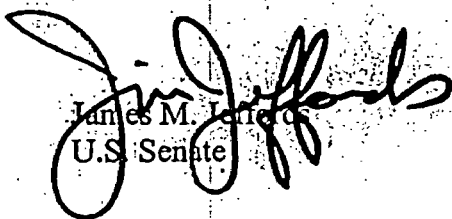
The Honorable Nils J. Diaz  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Diaz:

We write regarding the fire this morning in the area of the main transformer at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. Your staff notified us this morning of this incident, and we request that they continue to provide us with regular updates regarding this situation. We expect the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) to ensure Vermonters' safety in its response to this event and not allow the plant to operate until necessary repairs are made and the NRC certifies that the plant can safely resume operations. We believe a fire at the exterior of the plant lasting approximately an hour is a significant event warranting the Commission's full attention and response. We request that the NRC initiate a formal incident investigation immediately. We further request that the NRC oversee the licensee's investigation into this matter. In addition, the NRC should determine that the conditions leading to this fire are not present in other areas of the plant. We also ask that the State of Vermont be a full partner in NRC's investigation and that the results be released to the public.

Given the concern this incident has raised among our constituents, we appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

  
James M. Jeffords  
U.S. Senator

  
Patrick J. Leahy  
U.S. Senator

  
Bernard Sanders  
Member of Congress